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Application of: Zerbe et al.

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

The enclosed Amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination.

After entry of this amendment, the pending claims are claims 124-182.

One-Month Extension - Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), the Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2003. This extension will extend the response due date to September 8, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee of \$110.00 and any required fee(s) to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 9797-0050-999). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for such purpose.

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